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POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CRISIS IN VENEZUELA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine the deepening political and economic crisis in Venezuela, focusing on implications for United States interests and the Western Hemisphere, after receiving testimony from Edward Alexander Lee, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs; John E. Smith, Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; Douglas Farah, IBI Consultants LLC, Takoma Park, Maryland; Santiago A. Canton, Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, Washington, D.C.; and Christopher Sabatini, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, New York, New York.

SECURING THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the Southwest border, focusing on perspectives from beyond the beltway, after receiving testimony from Chris Cabrera, National Border Patrol Council, Kingsville, Texas; Mark J. Dannels, Cochise County Sheriff, Bisbee, Arizona; Howard G. Buffett, The Howard G. Buffett Foundation, Decatur, Illinois; and Monica Weisberg-Stewart, Texas Border Coalition Committee on Border Security and Immigration, and Othal Brand, Jr., both of McAllen, Texas.

AMERICA'S HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's health information technology (IT) transformation, focusing on translating the promise of electronic health records into better care, after receiving testimony from Julia Adler-Milstein, University of Michigan School of Public Health, Ann Arbor; Robert Wergin, American Academy of Family Physicians, Milford, Nebraska; Peter DeVault, Epic, Madison, Wisconsin; and Angela Kennedy, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine immigration reform, focusing on the American worker, after receiving testimony from Richard L. Trumka, AFL-CIO, Ronil Hira, Howard University, and Benjamin Johnson, American Immigration Council, all of Washington, D.C.; Bjorn Billhardt, Enspire, Austin, Texas; John M. Miano, Washington Alliance of Technology Workers, Bellevue; Hal Salzman, Rutgers University E.J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy J.J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development, New Brunswick, New Jersey; and Jack B. Palmer Jr., Montgomery, Alabama.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 1385–1414; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 38; and H. Res. 153, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 152, providing for the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 132) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Fourteenth Con-

gress, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 8) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures (H. Rept. 114–45).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Holding to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:11 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Jon Randles Victory Life Church, Lubbock, Texas. **Page H1666**

EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 1029, to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications and public participation, by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 121. **Pages H1678–94**

Rejected the Peters motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 179 ayes to 237 noes, Roll No. 120. **Pages H1691–93**

Pursuant to the Rule, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science, Space and Technology now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–10, shall be considered as read. **Pages H1685–86**

Agreed to:

Grayson amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept 114–37) that prohibits an EPA Science Advisory Board member from participating in any advisory action for which there is evidence that the action may involve a specific party in which the member has an interest; **Pages H1686–87**

Polis amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept 114–37) that requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to solicit nominations for Advisory Board membership from (1) Institutions of Higher Education and (2) research institutions based in work relevant to that of the Board; and **Page H1688**

McKinley amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–37) that prohibits an individual from sitting on the Board if they are currently receiving EPA contracts or grants; and then would prohibit them from being allowed to apply for, 3 years after serving as a Board member, for any EPA contracts or grants, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 175 noes, Roll No. 119. **Pages H1687–88, H1691**

Rejected:

Bonamici substitute amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 114–37) that improves the selection of members for EPA's Science Advisory Board by increasing transparency and ensuring balance among board participants; promotes public participation in the Board's review process. **Pages H1688–91**

H. Res. 138, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1029) and (H.R. 1030), was agreed to by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 180 noes, Roll No. 117, after the previous question was

ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 232 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 116. **Pages H1670–77**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, March 16th.

Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act: H.R. 1191, amended, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 118. **Pages H1677–78**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Schock, wherein he resigned from the Committees on Ways and Means, the Budget, and House Administration. **Page H1716**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1670.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1676–77, H1677, H1677–78, H1691, H1692–93, and H1693–94. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

“WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES” PROPOSED RULE AND ITS IMPACT ON RURAL AMERICA

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry held a hearing to review the definition of “waters of the United States” proposed rule and its impact on rural America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Fish and Wildlife Service budget. Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service; and Chris Nolan, Budget Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOOD, NUTRITION, AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture Food, Nutrition, and